

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**1. (Currently Amended)** A method of making a hole in a ceramic green sheet, comprising:

preparing a ceramic green sheet, capable of being baked at a temperature lower than 1000°C, including ceramic powder mainly and silicate glass; and

irradiating a first surface of said ceramic green sheet with a laser beam, having a substantially square pulse shape having a minimum power that is more than 60% of a maximum power, so as to make a hole in said first surface such that a protruding portion of silicate glass is not present in said ceramic green sheet around said hole.

**2. (Previously Presented)** The method according to claim 1, wherein irradiating a first surface of said ceramic green sheet with a laser beam comprises irradiating said first surface of said ceramic green sheet with a laser beam having an oscillation output that is not smaller than 700W.

**3. (Previously Presented)** The method according to claim 1, wherein irradiating a first surface of said ceramic green sheet with a laser beam comprises irradiating said first surface of said ceramic green sheet with a laser beam for which oscillation thereof can be controlled for not longer than 2 microseconds.

**4. (Previously Presented)** The method according to claim 1, wherein irradiating a first surface of said ceramic green sheet with a laser beam comprises irradiating said first surface of said ceramic green sheet with said laser beam not more than three times.

**5. (Previously Presented)** The method according to claim 1, wherein

irradiating a first surface of said ceramic green sheet with a laser beam comprises irradiating said first surface of said ceramic green sheet with a laser beam having an energy that ranges from 2 mJ to 50 mJ.

**6. (Previously Presented)** The method according to claim 1, wherein preparing a ceramic green sheet comprises preparing a ceramic green sheet having a second surface thereof coated with a carrier film.

**7. (Previously Presented)** The method according to claim 1, wherein preparing a ceramic green sheet comprises preparing a ceramic green sheet having said first surface coated with a protective film.

**8. (Currently Amended)** The method according to claim 1, wherein preparing a ceramic green sheet including ceramic powder mainly and silicate glass comprises preparing a ceramic green sheet including said ceramic powder and silicate glass including an alkali earth metal oxide, ~~with said ceramic green sheet being capable of being baked at a temperature lower than 1000°C.~~

**9. (Previously Presented)** The method according to claim 8, wherein irradiating a first surface of said ceramic green sheet with a laser beam comprises irradiating said first surface of said ceramic green sheet with a laser beam having an oscillation output that is not smaller than 700W.

**10. (Previously Presented)** The method according to claim 8, wherein irradiating a first surface of said ceramic green sheet with a laser beam comprises irradiating said first surface of said ceramic green sheet with a laser beam for which oscillation thereof can be controlled for not longer than 2 microseconds.

**11. (Previously Presented)** The method according to claim 8, wherein irradiating a first surface of said ceramic green sheet with a laser beam comprises irradiating said first surface of said ceramic green sheet with said laser beam not more than three times.

**12. (Previously Presented)** The method according to claim 8, wherein irradiating a first surface of said ceramic green sheet with a laser beam comprises irradiating said first surface of said ceramic green sheet with a laser beam having an energy that ranges from 2 mJ to 50 mJ.

**13. (Previously Presented)** The method according to claim 8, wherein preparing a ceramic green sheet comprises preparing a ceramic green sheet having a second surface thereof coated with a carrier film.

**14. (Previously Presented)** The method according to claim 8, wherein preparing a ceramic green sheet comprises preparing a ceramic green sheet having said first surface coated with a protective film.